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Dear Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, § 1.97, and § 1.98, Applicants herewith make of record the following publications which may be material during the prosecution of the above-referenced patent application:

U.S. Patent No. 5,441, 821 (Merritt *et al.*);

U.S. Patent No. 5,543, 238 (Strasser);

U.S. Patent No. 5,939,218 (Mizuno); and

Japanese Publication No. 08-273687 published October 18, 1996, including English Abstract.

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no other relevant information exists. Nor shall the citation of any publication herein be construed *per se* as a representation that such publication is prior art. Moreover, the Applicants understand the Examiner will make an independent evaluation of the cited publications.

A copy of the foregoing publications, including an English Abstract for the cited Japanese publication, and a reproduction of PTO Form 1449 accompany this statement.

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